

# **RooFitTools**

**A general purpose tool kit for data modeling,  
developed in BaBar**

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# What is RooFitTools?

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- A data modeling toolkit for
  - (Un)binned maximum likelihood fits
  - Toy Monte Carlo generation
  - Generating plots/tables
- RooFitTools is a class library built on top of the ROOT interactive C++ environment
  - Key concepts
    - **Datasets**
    - **Variables and generic functions**
    - **Probability density functions**
  - A fit/toyMC is setup in a ROOT C++ macro using the building blocks of the RooFitTools class library
  - TFitter/TMinuit used for actual fitting

# Key concepts: a simple fitting example: Gauss+Exp

```
void intro() {  
    RooRealVar //define the data variables and fit model parameters  
        m("m"      , "Reconstructed Mass", 0.5 ,2.5, "GeV"),  
        rmass("rmass" , "Resonance Mass"   , 1.5 ,1.4, 1.6, "GeV"),  
        width("width" , "Resonance Width"  , 0.15 ,0.1, 0.2, "GeV"),  
        bgshape("bgshape", "Background shape" , -1.0 ,-2.0, 0.0),  
        frac("frac"   , "Signal fraction"   , 0.5 ,0.0, 1.0) ;  
  
    // Create the fit model components: Gaussian and exponential PDFs  
    RooGaussian signal("signal","Signal Distribution",m,rmass,width);  
    RooExponential bg("bg","Background distribution",m,bgshape) ;  
  
    // Combine them using addition (with relative fraction parameter)  
    RooAddPdf model("model","Signal + Background",signal,bg,frac) ;  
  
    // Read the values of 'm' from a text file  
    RooDataSet* data = RooDataSet::read("mvalues.dat",m) ;  
  
    // fit the data to the model with an UML fit  
    model.fitTo(data) ;
```

Variables

Description, unit, fit and plot ranges, constant/floating status stored in object

Probability density functions

Explicitly self-normalized

Dataset

Derived from Ttree

Maps a TTree row onto a set of RFT variable objects

# Plotting and Generating ToyMC

- Plotting

```
// create empty 1-D plot frame for "m"
RooPlot* frame = m.frame() ;

// plot distribution of m in data on frame
data->plotOn(frame) ;

// plot model as function of m
model->plotOn(frame) ;

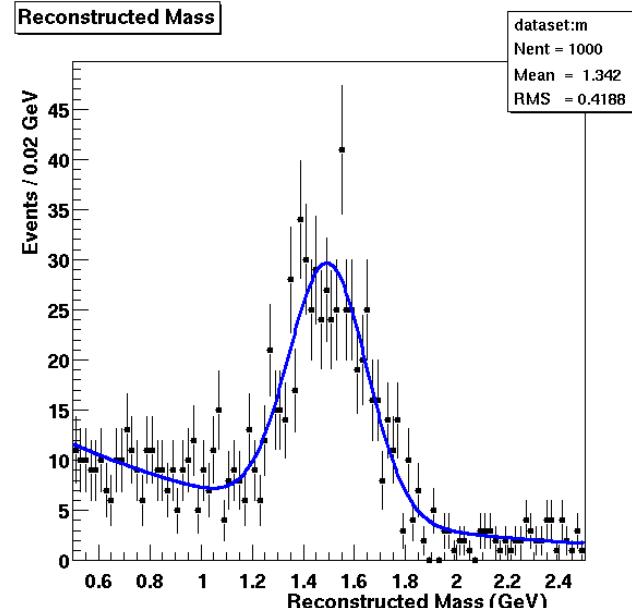
// Draw the plot on a canvas
frame->Draw() ;
```

- A **RooPlot** frame collects multiple histograms, curves, text boxes.
  - Persistable object, I.e. can save complex multi-layer plots in batch fit/generation
- Automatic adaptive binning for function curves:  
always smooth functions regardless of data histogram binning
- Poisson/binomial errors on histograms (automatically selected)

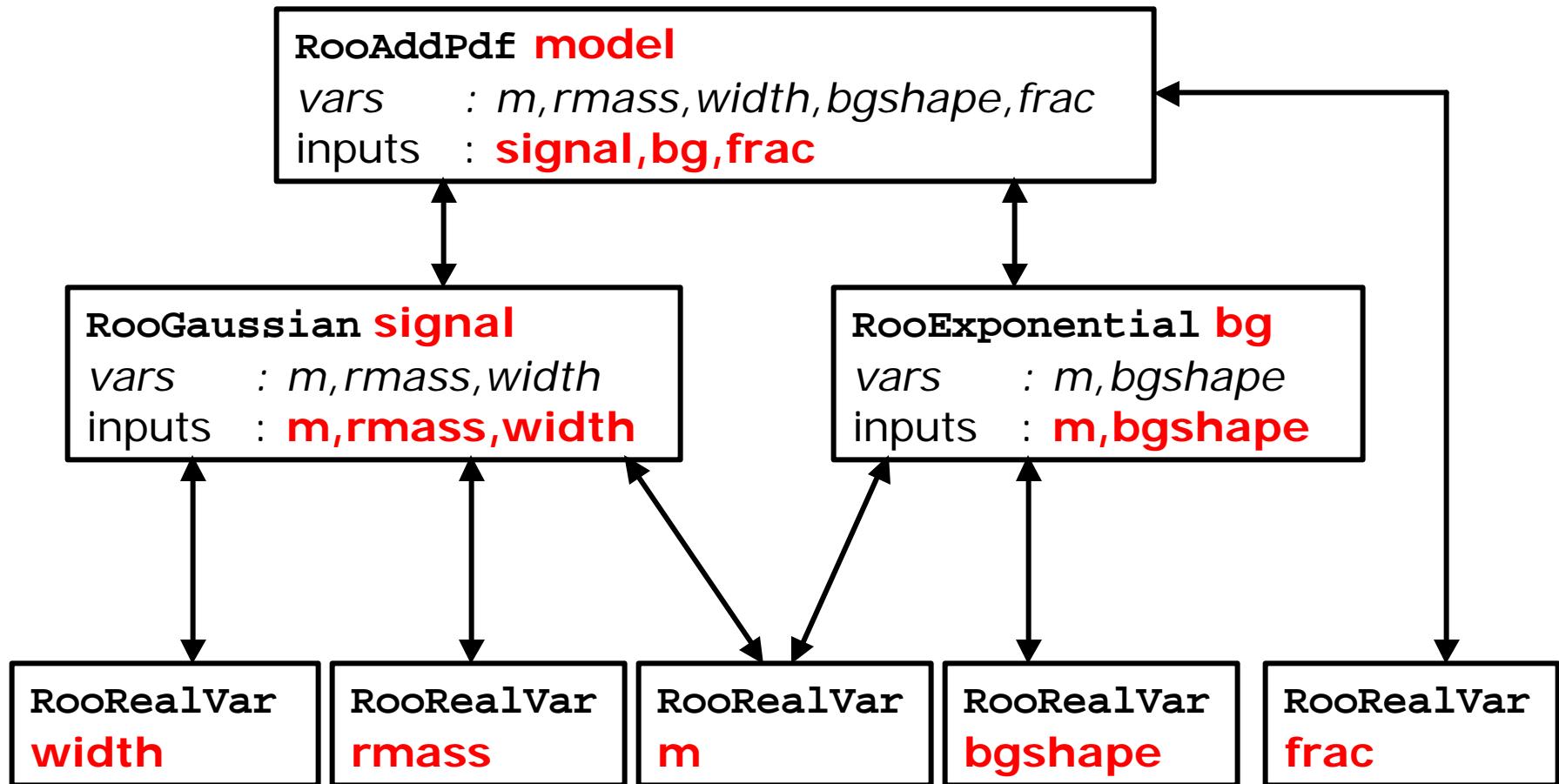
- Generating

- Works for real and discrete variables

```
RooDataSet* toyMCData = model.generate(varList,numEvents) ;
RooDataSet* toyMCData = model.generate(varList,protoData) ;
```



## Object structure of example PDF



# Generic functions and composition

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- A more complex PDF:
  - Replace  $gaussian(m,mean,width)$  ->  
 $gaussian(m,mean,w_{off}+w_{slope}*\alpha)$
  - Need object to represent function  $w_{off}+w_{slope}*\alpha$
- Class **RooFormulaVar** implements expression based functions
  - Based on **Tformula**, very practical for such transformations

```
RooRealVar      alpha("alpha", "Mystery parameter", 1.5 ,1.4, 1.6, "GeV"),
                slope("slope", "Slope of resonance width" , 0.3 ,0.1 ,0.5),
                offset("offset","Offset of resonance width", 0.0 ,0.0 ,0.5, "GeV") ;

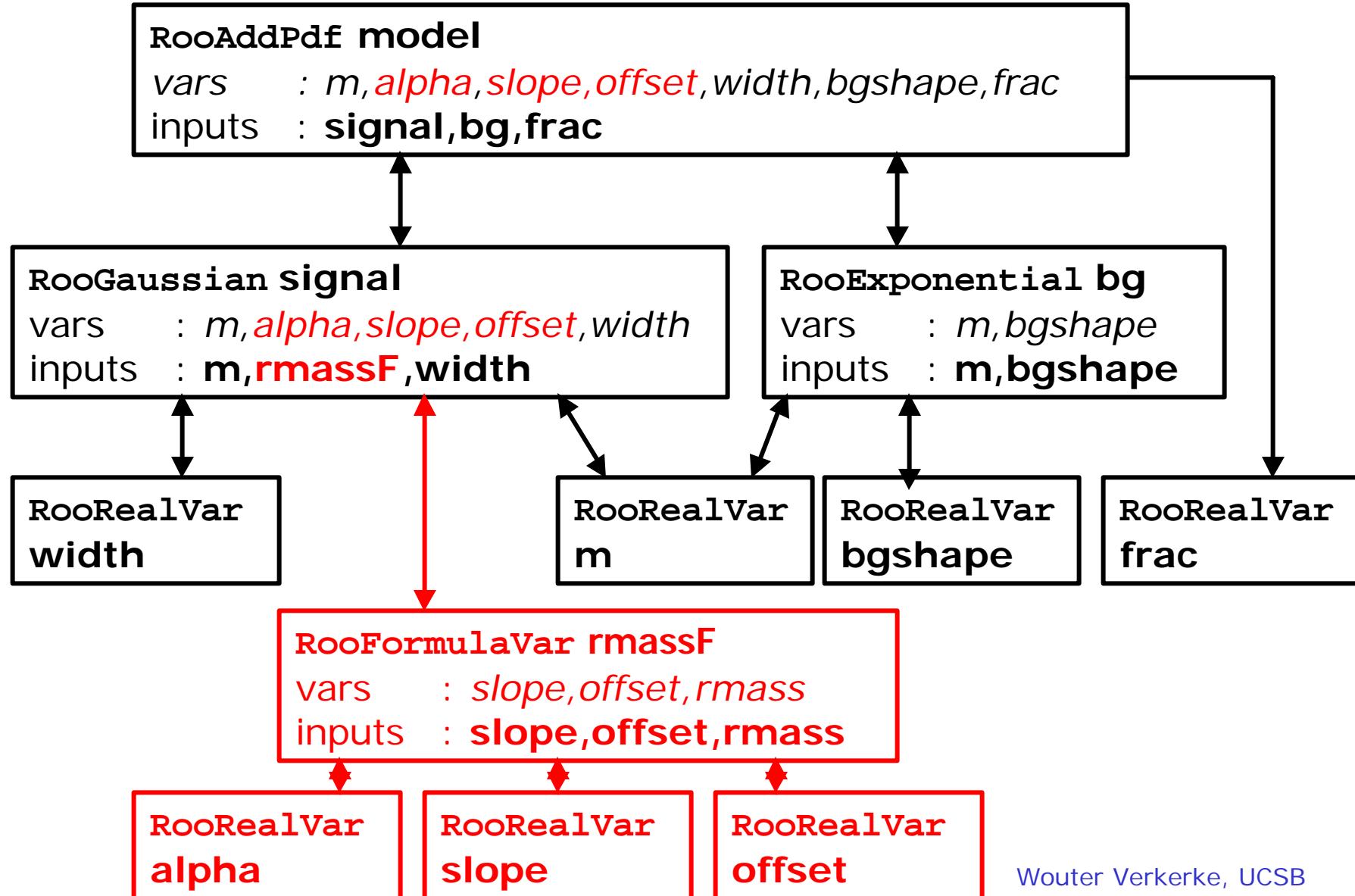
// Construct width object as function of alpha
RooFormulaVar rmassF("rmassF","offset+slope*rmass",
                      RooArgSet(slope,offset,rmass))

// Plug rmassF function in place of rmass variable
RooGaussian    signal("signal","Signal distribution", m,rmassF,width) ;
```

- Example of composition:
  - PDF **signal** now has 3 extra variables: **offset,slope,alpha**
  - Every variable of a PDF can be a function of other variables

Extend PDF:  $\text{rmass} \rightarrow \text{rmass}(\alpha) = \text{offset} + \text{slope} * \alpha$

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# Discrete variables

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- Often a data model includes discrete variables such as particle ID, decay mode, CP eigenvalue etc.
- Can be represented by **RooCategory**:
  - Finite set of labeled states, numeric code optional

```
RooCategory decay("decay","Decay Mode") ; // A category variable
decay.defineType("B0 -> J/psi KS",0) ; // Type definition with explicit index
decay.defineType("B0 -> J/psi KL") ; // Type definition with automatic index
decay.defineType("B0 -> psi(2s) KS") ;

// Assignment to other RooCategory, string or integer
decay = 0 ;      decay = "B0 -> J/psi KS"      ; decay = otherDecay
```

- Various transformation classes available, e.g.
  - **RooMappedCategory**: Pattern matching based category-to-category mapping

```
RooMappedCategory decayCP("decayCP",decay,"CPunknown") ; // A derived category
decayCP.map("*KS*","CPminus") ; // Wildcard mapping "*KS*" -> "CPminus"
decayCP.map("*KL*","CPplus") ;
```

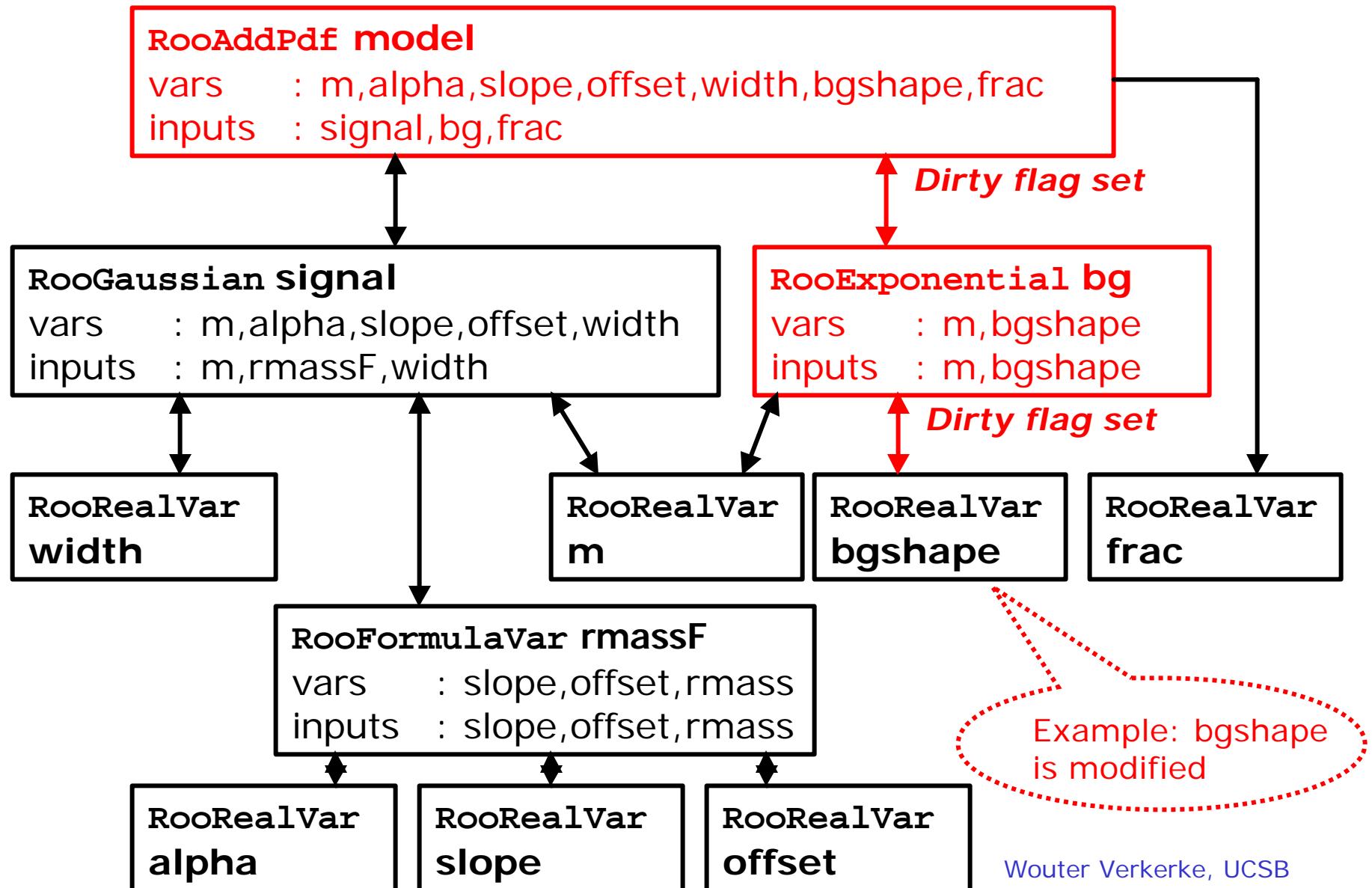
# Under the hood: Integration & Optimization

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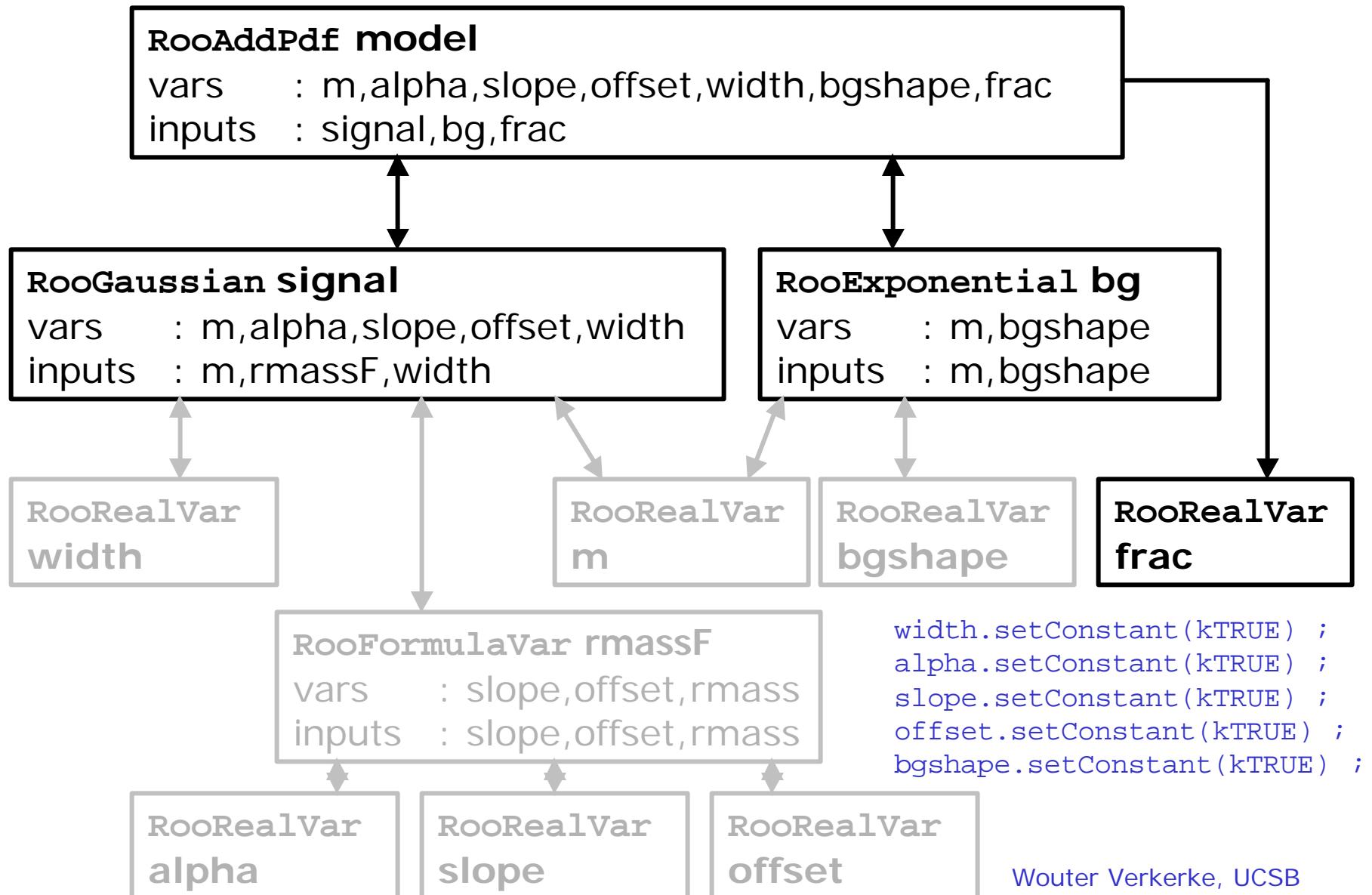
*PDF evaluation/normalization speed critical for complex unbinned likelihood fits.  
RooFitTools implements several strategies to maximize performance*

- Caching & lazy evaluation
  - The output value of all function objects is cached
  - Function value only recalculated if any of the input objects change.
  - Push/pull model:
    - All RFT objects have links to their client and server objects
    - If an object changes value, it pushes a 'dirty' flag to all its registered clients.
    - Clients postpone recalculation to next getVal() call, checking the dirty flag at that point.
- Precalculation of 'constant' functions.
  - If a PDF exclusively depends on
    - variables in the fitted data set
    - constant non-dataset parameters
  - it is precalculated for each dataset row. (Limits calculation to 1 fit iteration)
- Hybrid analytical/numerical integration.
  - PDFs advertises which (partial) analytical integration it can perform
  - Dedicated **RooRealIntegral** object, owned by each PDF coordinates maximum possible analytical integration/summation for given configuration.
  - PDF normalization stored/cached separately from PDF value
    - Dependencies of PDF integral and value are different

# Lazy evaluation: dirty state propagation



## Constant node precalculation example: fit m for signal fraction only



# Writing your own PDF

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- Easiest way: use **RooGenericPdf**

```
RooGenericPdf myPDF("myPDF","exp(abs(x)/sigma)*sqrt(scale)",  
                    RooArgSet(x,sigma,scale)) ;
```

- No programming required
- Like **RooFormulaVar**, based on **TFormula**.
- Automatic normalization via full numerical integration.

- Write your own **RooAbsPdf** derived class

- Faster execution, allows (partial) analytical normalization.
- Optimization technology requires PDFs to be 'good objects', i.e. well defined copy/clone behaviour.
  - Gory details of link management well hidden in **RooAbsPdf** and proxy classes.
- Minimum implementation consists of 3 functions
  - Constructor/Copy constructor
  - `evaluate()` function – *Returns function value*
- Extended implementation with analytical integration needs also
  - `getAnalyticalIntegral()` – *Indicates which (partial) integrals can be performed*
  - `analyticalIntegral()` – *Implements advertised (partial) integrals*

## RooGaussian: minimum impl.

```
// Constructor
RooGaussian::RooGaussian(const char *name,
    const char *title, RooAbsReal& _x,
    RooAbsReal& _mean, RooAbsReal& _sigma) :
    RooAbsPdf(name,title),
    x("x","Dependent",this,_x),
    mean("mean","Mean",this,_mean),
    sigma("sigma","Width",this,_sigma)
{
    Special proxy class holds object references,
    implement client/server link management
    Behaves like 'Double_t' to user

// Copy constructor
RooGaussian::RooGaussian(const
    RooGaussian& other, const char* name) :
    RooAbsPdf(other,name),
    x("x",this,other.x),
    mean("mean",this,other.mean),
    sigma("sigma",this,other.sigma)
{
}

// Implementation of value calculation
Double_t RooGaussian::evaluate(
    const RooDataSet* dset) const
{
    Double_t arg= x - mean;
    return exp(-0.5*arg*arg/(sigma*sigma)) ;
}
```

## Optional integration support

```
// Advertise which partial analytical
// integrals are supported
Int_t
RooGaussian::getAnalyticalIntegral(
    RooArgSet& allV,
    RooArgSet& anaV) const
{
    if (matchArgs(allV,anaV,x)) return 1 ;
    return 0 ;
}

// Implement advertised analytical integrals
Double_t
RooGaussian::analyticalIntegral(Int_t code)
{
    switch(code) {
        case 0: return getVal() ;
        case 1: // integral over x
        {
            static Double_t root2 = sqrt(2) ;
            static Double_t rootPiBy2 =
                sqrt(atan2(0.0,-1.0)/2.0);

            Double_t xscale = root2*sigma;
            return rootPiBy2*sigma*
                (erf((x.max()-mean)/xscale)-
                 erf((x.min()-mean)/xscale));
        }
        default: assert(0) ;
    }
}
```

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# Present use of RooFitTools in BaBar

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- Most analyses are using RooFitTools for their unbinned maximum likelihood fits, including complex fits like
  - CP analysis ( $\sin 2\beta$ )
  - Hadronic, semileptonic and dilepton lifetime & mixing analysis ( $\tau, \Delta m_d$ )
  - Charmless 2-body decay ( $\rightarrow \sin 2\alpha$ )
- Example of fit complexity:
  - the composite PDF of the CP fit has 280 PDF components and 35 free parameters
- A major redesign of RooFitTools has just been completed, based on experiences of 1 year of intensive use.
- RooFitTools is a ‘package’ in the BaBar software structure, but has *no dependency on any other BaBar code*.
  - It should be straightforward to decouple it completely from BaBar for outside use, or to package it as a ROOT add-on.
- Documentation
  - THtml format from source code.
  - Users guide
  - Technical design note (in preparation)

# ROOT problems/limitations

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- ROOT is a great enabling technology, good value.
  - We are only exercising a small subset of the functionality
- Const correctness in ROOT version 3 real improvement
- CINT problems/limitations:
  - Empirical observation: Function with >10 arguments of the same time fails without proper error message
  - Zero pointer casting results in non-zero pointer
  - #include doesn't execute all code in global file scope
    - Inconvenient, because different behaviour if same code is compiled (ACLIC)
- ROOT collection classes:
  - Container classes cannot hold non-TObjects
    - Inconvenient, can e.g. not collect TIterators, Int\_t, Double\_t etc...
  - Will STL containers at some point replace TCollection classes?